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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Decontrol and Public Sale of FBIS FOUO Daily Reports

1. This memorandum updates my 20 November 1973 memorandum to the DDI. The 20 November memorandum, which Mr. Proctor approved, proposed the decontrol and public sale of the Middle East & Africa, Asia & Pacific, and Latin America & Western Europe Daily Reports, institution of a restricted worldwide Daily Report using the "Privileged Information--Not to be Released--Exempt from Freedom of Information Act" control to carry materials still requiring protection, and discontinuance of the White Book. We are taking the necessary steps to implement this plan, hopefully in March.

2. We are now planning on a total of eight unrestricted Daily Report volumes instead of six, each with its identifying colored cover and all available for sale to the public through NTIS, Department of Commerce.

Book I.	People's Republic of China
Book II.	Eastern Europe
Book III.	Soviet Union
Book IV.	Asia & Pacific
Book V.	Middle East & North Africa
Book VI.	Latin America
Book VII.	Western Europe
Book VIII.	Sub-Saharan Africa

3. The Latin America & Western Europe Daily Report currently averages 33 pages on Latin America and 21 on Western Europe, distributed in a total of 761 copies daily to 222 recipients. This means that we are printing several hundred copies a day of more than 20 pages of Western Europe material for consumers concerned only with Latin America, as well as several hundred copies of more than 30 pages of Latin America material for gratuitous distribution to Western Europe analysts. The same situation obtains with respect to the Middle East & Africa volume. PSD would prefer eight books in order to save paper. We believe the eight book configuration will give us more flexibility in allocating pages

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depending on daily developments. We have checked the eight book configuration with selected users, including analysts and distribution officers in OCI, and encountered uniformly favorable reactions. Under the new configuration, we will be working within the same upper limits on the total number of pages for the full set of Daily Reports.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Legislative Counsel

THROUGH : Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Background Information on FBIS Daily Reports

REFERENCE : Memo for DDI from D/FBIS, Subj: Decontrol and Public Sale of FBIS FOUO Daily Reports, dtd 20 Nov 73

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide background information for your office in its briefing of the Congressional Oversight Committees on FBIS plans to change the dissemination of Daily Reports. This information may also be useful in fielding questions from individual Congressmen and, as you see fit, may be reproduced as an unclassified handout for Members of Congress.

2. In 1970 the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, responding to the terms of PL 89-487, the Freedom of Information Act, took steps to implement a more liberal policy in releasing information to the public by making three of its six Daily Report volumes--the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and People's Republic of China--available for sale through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the Department of Commerce. The remaining three Daily Report volumes could not be released at the same time because they contained substantial amounts of copyrighted materials.

3. Having contracted for most copyrighted materials and withdrawn the rest, FBIS now plans to extend public access to its remaining Daily Reports, beginning in March 1974. These reports will consist of the existing Asia & Pacific volume as well as reformatted books on Latin America, Western Europe, the Middle East & North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa. Dividing the present two Latin America & Western Europe and Middle East & Africa volumes into four books will obviate the need for distribution of Latin America material to West Europe analysts, Europe material to Latin America specialists, and so on. It is presently planned to make these five books available for public subscription through NTIS at the same annual rates now set for the first three volumes: \$75.00 for domestic,

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\$105.00 for foreign. All volumes will remain cost-free to Congressional and Executive Branch users. The main thrust of our policy, as it was in 1970, will be to make as much information available to the public as we can.

4. At the same time, FBIS will discontinue publication of the FBIS "White Book," which contains a very limited (and arbitrary) selection of items drawn from worldwide coverage contained in the more comprehensive area volumes. Instead, White Book readers will have the opportunity to subscribe to any of the eight area volumes which respond to their particular interests.

5. Letters will be sent to all subscribers shortly--both in and out of Government--outlining FBIS plans and notifying them of the intended effective date of the changes. Congressional subscribers will not be notified by FBIS until your office has had the opportunity to brief the appropriate committees and gives us the go ahead.

6. After these changes have been made, FBIS will still have a dozen pages or so every day which must be protected for copyright or other reasons. We intend to use a "Privileged Information--Not to be Released--Exempt from Freedom of Information Act" control. These are materials which now appear in the three restricted Daily Reports. Under the new Daily Report configuration, they will be published only in an outer fold annex accompanying each Daily Report addressed to U.S. Government users. We will have to decide whether to send Daily Reports with the outer folds to Congressional recipients. Such materials have not been included in the White Books received by some Members of Congress. They have been included in the controlled books which have been going to a few other Members of Congress. These materials are not classified, but they will require special handling. It may be that you will want the restricted materials to go only to those who are already receiving the controlled books and to Members of the Oversight Committees. We will be guided by your wishes in this matter.

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